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Dear Cliff:

I have yours of the 31st.

Whether I stay here or go to Berkeley (the argument evaporates for the third alternative) I share your interest in a strong appointment at Stanford, especially if it is Berkeley. This is one of the things I would want to talk to you about. You should be able to help ensure that it is a strong, and Stanford is willing (and should be able) to make a very strong bid.

Now I ~~know~~ had a postcard from Twitty that he is returning to Palo Alto early, probably next week some time. Could you arrange to go out there soon enough to meet me here on the way back? (If no other arrangement is feasible, I might meet you in Chicago, but I hope you don't necessitate this.)

I've been in touch with Twitty as concerns my developing reactions to Stanford and Berkeley. This ought to be consistent with what I've been writing you, but if you do go out there it might be confusing if they pressed you to read my mind on the subject.

I don't know the intimate history of the Sussman-Sheffer business— my main reaction is whose business is it, if Sheffer himself doesn't want to make a point of it. Maury would have been very happy to append an appreciation of Sheffer: his main gripe was they didn't even let him see Sheffer's note, or give him a chance to make any appropriate changes in his own ms. In any case, it's too bad that rumor plays such a part. It's plain to see that it can hit where it hurts, and this is one reason I'm not too happy about centralized administration of grants, just for example. I am sure that any such repercussions are beyond anything that Ken here would relish seeing, and (trust me for discretion) I'll see what might be done.

Yours, and go West young man,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. We were having lunch at Berkeley with Pardee, at a Chinese place. I had one of those lotus-cookies (?) and the slogan that was inside was:

"There is yet time enough for you to take a different path".

Damn clever, those Chinese.